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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir or Madam:

I, Holger Potten, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Neubiberger Straße 17a, 81737 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application and in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

EP 1 070 906 A1, cited in the German Office Action, is enclosed.

For DE 34 18 637 A1, cited in the German Office Action, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

For DE 196 35 971 C2, cited in the German Office Action, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

US 6,110,310, cited in the application, as well as the corresponding EP 0 937 939 B1 are enclosed.

US 6,058,979, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 6,284,809 B1, cited in the application, is enclosed.

GB 2 269 876 A, cited in the application, is enclosed.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Potten', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Dr. Holger Potten

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